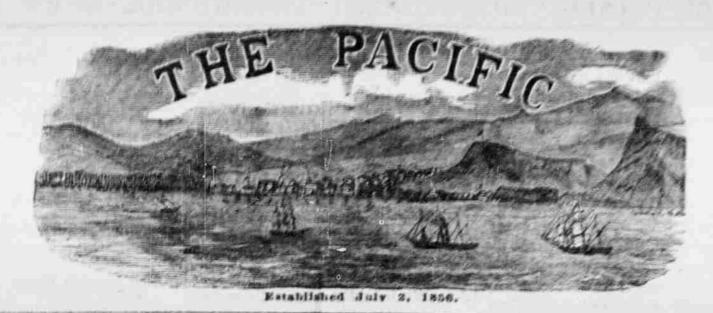
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The Rice Question.

MR. EDITOR: I observe in last evening's Bulletin an article signed "Cheap Food" concerning rice. As so little rice is eaten in the country except by Chinese and Japanese, whose interests our white population do not trouble themselves to protect, I conclude that the writer mistook his signature and ought to have signed "Anything for Sugar." No doubt the people ought to have cheap food, consequently flour pays no duty and the American producer finds here a good market for his product. Our Portuguese agent of their sovereign finds prebrethren eat very little rice, either | ference for their celestial competiin Honolulu or elsewhere. The tors, and still there are some peoprice has nothing to do with it. ple among us who wonder at the They do not like it. No other audacity of Hawaiians banding class cares a "tupence" about the together for patriotic purposes. price of rice except the two nations of rice-eaters. The Chinese are willing to pay from four to five cents, because that by maintaining ed by carriers for 50 cents a month. the duty they are able to grow Ring up Telephones 88. Now is rice; without it, the industry would | the time to subscribe. die. The price in California very rarely gets up to five cents, and whatever may be the cause, when- H. HACKFELD & CO. ever we send over an extra large shipment the price falls. The loss in cleaning is so great that the price of paddy must always bea good deal less than the price of rice. The figures in the rice pamphlet recently issued represent the case pretty well. If the duty is removed the large class of land owners must either lose their income or it will become so low that much suffering must ensue. The rice pamphlet I think if it was on the rent question at all LOEWENHEAU, places it too high. The rents average a good deal less than \$25

per acre probably less than \$20. The fact is, the real thing aimed at by "Cheap Food" is to get the 8,000,000 pounds of rice used by the employees of sugar plantations from the vast fields of China and Japan at the staryation prices which rule there, and which would make it utterly impossible to grow rice in

any other country without protective duties. If we wish to kill the rice industry, open the door to Chinese, Japanese and East Indian HONOLULU IRON WORKS CO. cheap rice.

But how about sugar? We have a protective duty on that. Is that why we have to pay more for raw sugar here than we could buy it for in San Francisco? Something more about this is there not? Take off the duty on rice to give a little help to sugar, but force no one to pay heavily for sugar.
Home Industry.

Honolulu, July 11, 1892.

Chinese Immigration.

Mr. Editor: Your proposition in Saturday's issue of the ADVER-TISER on the Asiatic problem would not solve the same to the end sought by mechanics and trades-

I believe the present passport system to be rotten, and that its effect is to create a monopoly in passports and permits to land which would stand a little investigation by the Legislature. It has never accomplished anything for the mechanic, and the same can probably be said with equal truth of its effect on the planting in-

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We cannot hope for this under existing conditions, so give us, if anything, a simple law that cannot be evaded: Stop licensing Asiatics, continue licenses to such as are now in business during their pleasure; the licenses to be not transferable. Make it unlawful for anyone to employ Asiatics in any mechanical work, and you have as effective measures as can be devised to successfully cope with the

problem in its present aspect. I believe the franchise in the Constitution of 1887 contains something more than the mere privilege of voting, and it is the refusal of the Supreme Court to recognize the rights of "the people" in their interpretation of the Constitution that has blocked legislation on this most vital question.

It is an idea evolved by the Supreme Court of this country that its citizens have no rights other than voting that aliens need to respect-a proposition altogether new in national jurisprudence. Think of the United States Supreme Court, or the courts of England, France or Germany, making such rulings as we have had here on rights of Asiatic aliens. We have rights and, having them, dare defend them. The mechanics and General Commission Agents tradesmen of this country have been patient, too patient for their own good; they have been just in their demands, and it is this very manifest spirit of fairness on their part which makes the "class legis- Engineer and Surveyor lation" handicap of the Supreme Court so galling to their sense of

manhood and constitutional rights. A country whose fundamental principles are built on such a technical quicksand as the abovementioned decision would lead us to believe ours to be, has no more to hope for than the fate of the house similarly built, of which we read in biblical lore. I see Hawaiians, who are capable mechanics, seeking employment, while the

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